

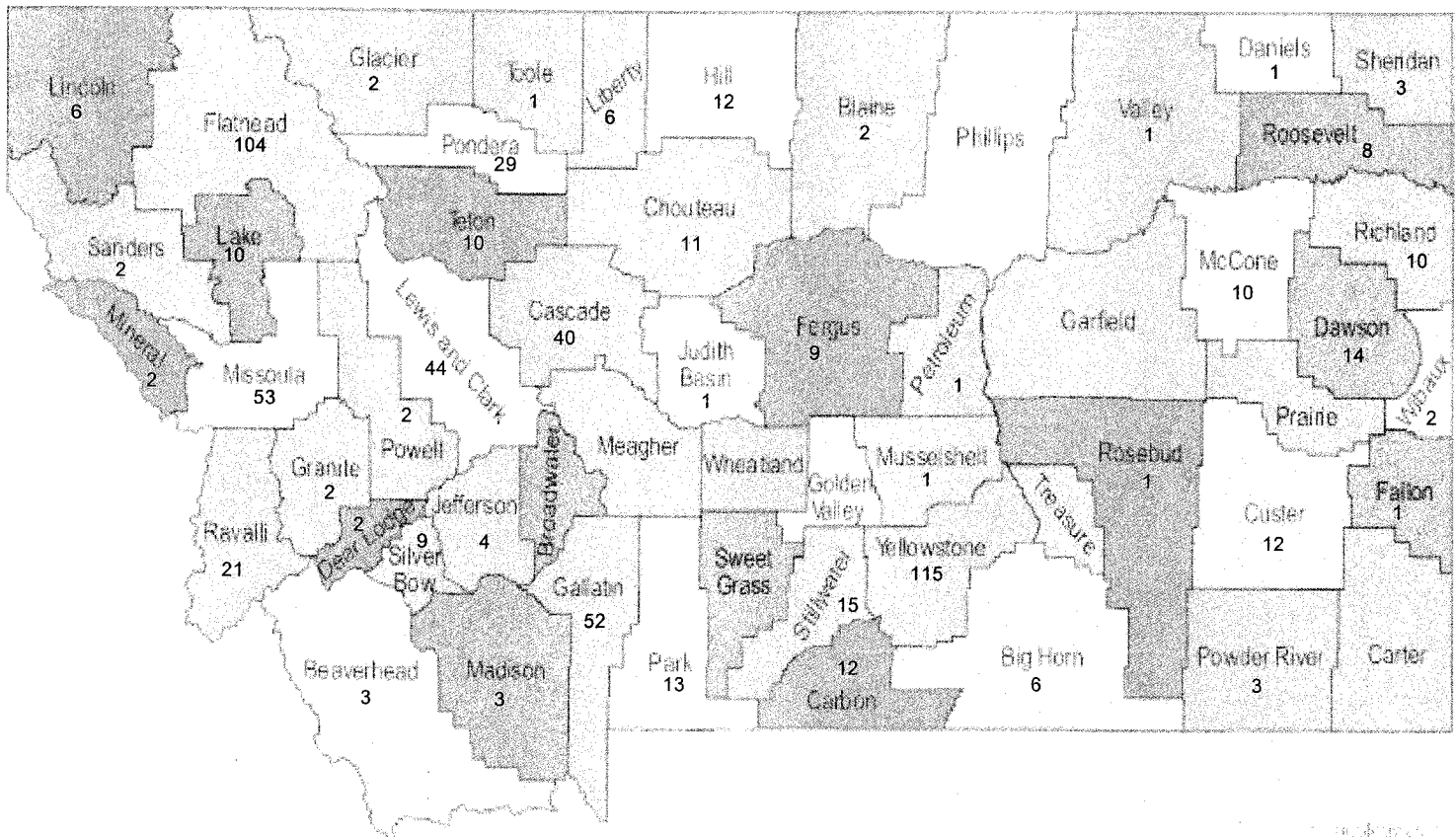
Health Care for Small Businesses

SENATE FINANCE & CLAIMS

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Purchasing Pool Businesses by County

Insure Montana provides a monthly subsidy or assistance payment to businesses that were previously unable to afford group health insurance coverage for their employees. The monthly assistance payments are provided to both the businesses for a portion of the premium the business contributes and to the employees for a portion of the premium they are responsible to pay each month based on household composition and annual income. Small businesses with 2 - 9 employees are eligible for the purchasing pool program.



Purchasing Pool Statistics

Number of Participating Businesses:	672
Number of Covered Employees:	1,862
Number of Covered Dependents:	1,770
Total Covered Lives:	3,632
Average Annual Cost per Business:	\$2,451.36
Average Annual Cost per Employee:	\$1,526.16
Number of Businesses on Waiting List:	600 (approximately)
Average Annual Cost to Serve Waiting List:	\$4,217,904*

*Not including administrative costs; assumes three employees per business.